

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 11 AUGUST 1993

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REFNO: 1216-0-02 (ACCNO 5319) Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: CORNELIUS, JOHNNIE CLAYTON Date Status assigned: 24 Jun 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	02	Hair	RED	Complexion	#
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	#	Weapon	#
Serial No	003153316	Height	73 in / 1.85 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	22 May 1941	Weight	211 lb / 95.6 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
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SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	76 in / 1.93 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	DATA	Weight	208 lb / 94.2 kg	Duty pos	INSTPILOT
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SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION

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Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QXD649837
Lat/Long: 170159N / 1063258E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: QUANG BINH
(formerly):
Mission District: LE THUY
Mission Date: 26 Jun 1968 1350L
Mission Category: 2
Local Analysis: Remote area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Remains Repatriated: YES
Folders Passed: Jul 93, May 92, Aug 86
Investigations: Dec 88, Jan 89, Aug 93
Surveys: Dec 88, Aug 93, Apr 94
Additional Information Obtained: Apr 90
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: 02A	Serial: 6879
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: I0360
Call Sign: COVEY 01	1 Serial:
Year: 68	2 Serial:

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 15 JUNE 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: NAME/ DATA Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: Date Status assigned: 26 Jun 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service		Sex	MALE	Blood type	AB-
Grade		Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	76 in /1.93 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	208 lb / 94.2 kg	Duty pos	INSTPILOT
Home State		Religion	OTHER	PW Camp	\$

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CASE: 1216

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

30 January 1976

ON 26 JUNE 1968 1LT JOHNNIE C. CORNELIUS, AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, AND NAME, COMBAT TACTICS INSTRUCTOR PILOT, WERE FLYING AN 02A AIRCRAFT, (#68-6879, CALL SIGN COVEY 01), AS FLIGHT LEADER IN A FLIGHT OF TWO ON A VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. AS THEY ARRIVED IN THE TARGET AREA, THE CREW OF THE NUMBER TWO AIRCRAFT DETECTED A TARGET AND IMMEDIATELY MARKED ITS POSITION WITH A SMOKE ROCKET. THE FLIGHT LEADER THEN FLEW PARALLEL TO THE TARGET AREA, BANKING RIGHT TO OBSERVE THE TARGET. SHORTLY, HE WENT INTO A 45 DEGREE DIVE ALTITUDE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XD 649 837.

THERE WERE NO RADIO TRANSMISSIONS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE CRASH, AND THERE WERE NO PARACHUTES SEEN BY THE CREW OF THE NUMBER TWO AIRCRAFT. THE NUMBER TWO AIRCRAFT REMAINED IN THE TARGET AREA FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS, BUT NEVER HEARD ANY BEEPER SIGNALS FROM THE DOWNED CREWMEN. AS THERE WERE NO RADIO SIGNALS NOR SIGNS OF SURVIVORS, A FORMAL SEARCH AND RECOVERY EFFORT WAS NOT BEGUN. (REF 1)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THESE INDIVIDUALS' NAMES AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. 1LT CORNELIUS AND NAME ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

16 November 1993

THE DATA PLATE TURNED OVER BY WITNESSES SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT TAIL NUMBER 68-6879, THE O-2A AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN THE 1216 INCIDENT. LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT RECOVERED AT THE SITE CONFIRMS ONE PERSON IN THE AIRCRAFT AT IMPACT. THIS SITE IS POSITIVELY CORRELATED TO THE REFNO 1216 INCIDENT. (REF 6)

=== REFERENCES ===

30 January 1976

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, SUMMARY OF INCIDENT, AFLC, UNK DATE. <2> JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK, DETAILED REPORT OF ATTEMPTED SURVEY OF CASE 1216, 080634Z FEB 89. <3> 310812Z MAY 91 CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI. <4> JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH MSG 080634Z JAN 89. <5> 240457Z SEP 93 CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH. <6> 250435Z SEP 93 CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH. <7> CJTFFA DET ONE 280147Z MAY 94.

CASE: 1216

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

28 February 1986

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON NAME AND JOHNNIE C. CORNELIUS WAS PASSED DURING THE 13-16 AUG 86 JCRC/VNOSMIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

4 August 1988

JCRC DISCUSSED THIS CASE WITH THE VNOSMP DURING THE 25-28 JULY 1988 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

30 January 1976

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: NAME / DATA AND JOHNNIE C. CORNELIUS 1216-0-02.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

6 October 1976

INCIDENT/LAST KNOWN COORDINATES CHANGED FROM XD649837 TO XD645852 BASED ON EXTRACT 3ARRG SAR LOG DATED 26 JUN 68.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

10 August 1993

ON 16 JANUARY 1989, A JOINT U.S./VIETNAMESE INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM (IRT) ATTEMPTED TO SURVEY THE CRASH SITE LOCATION IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATE XD649837, LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE TEAM WAS GUIDED BY A VILLAGER WHO DURING DECEMBER 1988 HAD SAID HE KNEW THE LOCATION OF THE CRASH SITE AND PROVIDED A DOG TAG FROM ONE OF THE CREW MEMBERS. THE GUIDE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE THE CRASH SITE AND BECAME LOST. THE TEAM TERMINATED THE SEARCH, WITH NO NEW INFORMATION BEING OBTAINED ON THE CASE. (REF 2)

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=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

9 September 1993

A LE NINH DISTRICT DOCUMENT WAS SHOWN TO A JOINT TEAM DURING THE 10TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY. AN ENTRY LISTS THE SHOOTDOWN OF ONE TWO-BODIED RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT ON 27 JUNE 68 BY THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES OF THE TIEN GIANG TEAM OF THE LE RIN STATE FARM. THIS ENTRY PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1216 WHICH INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN O-2A ON 26 JUNE 68. THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON THE LOCATION, TYPE OF AIRCRAFT, AND DATE GIVEN IN THE DOCUMENT. (REF 3)

27 September 1993

DURING THE 3RD JFA (3-17 DEC 88), THE JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAM ATTEMPTED TO VISIT THE SITE OF REFNO 1216. AFTER REACHING THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE SITE, THE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE THE CRASH SITE. (REF 4)

5 October 1993

ON 4 SEP 93, IE1 TRAVELLED TO NGAN THUY VILLAGE, LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1216. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES, ALL OF WHOM HAD VISITED A CRASH SITE IN THE AREA. ONE OF THE WITNESSES TURNED OVER BONES, A DATA PLATE AND ONE DOG TAG TO THE TEAM. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT CONSENT TO TURN OVER ANOTHER DOG TAG WITHOUT A LARGE MONETARY "REWARD." THE DATA PLATE IS CONSISTENT WITH AN O-2 TYPE AIRCRAFT AND THE DOG TAG CORRELATES TO ONE OF THE TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THIS CASE. A CILHI ANTHROPOLOGIST'S PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION INDICATES THE REMAINS ARE HUMAN. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE CRASH SITE. A SEARCH YIELDED ONE BONE FRAGMENT AND PORTIONS OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT. (REF 5)

10 June 1994

FROM 23 TO 24 APR 94, RECOVERY ELEMENT TWO (RE2) CONDUCTED A JOINT DETAILED SURVEY NEAR NGAN VILLAGE, LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG VINH PROVINCE. THE SITE IS LOCATED AT GRID COORDINATE 48QXD66108245. THE CRASH SITE MEASURED 100 X 50 METERS ON A 70-80 DEGREE SLOPE. RE2 CONDUCTED A SURFACE SEARCH FINDING SMALL AMOUNTS OF WRECKAGE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE SITE. DURING THE DETAILED SKIRMISH SEARCH NO HUMAN REMAINS OR PERSONNEL EFFECTS WERE FOUND. THE MATERIAL EVIDENCE RECOVERED IS INSUFFICIENT TO CONFIRM OR DENY WHETHER ONE OR BOTH INDIVIDUALS WERE IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT. (REF 7)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 13 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1222-0-02 (ACCNO 1095)
Name: SILVER, EDWARD DEAN

Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 25 Feb 1977

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O -
Grade	O4	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	DATA	Height	68 in / 1.73 mtrs	Weapon No	K6169988
Birth date	2 Feb 1934	Weight	170 lb / 77.0 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	IOWA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QXE559039
Lat/Long: 171258N / 1062759E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: QUANG BINH
(formerly):
Mission District: LE THUY
Mission Date: 5 Jul 1968 0410L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 93, May 92, Aug 87, Apr 85
Investigations: Aug 93
Surveys: Aug 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: DISCREPANCY
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F4C	Serial: 7713
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: J79
Call Sign: SHARKBAIT 71	1 Serial: 420162
Year: 63	2 Serial: 418607

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